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ARGENTINE FALKLANDS COMMANDER AUTHORIZED TO TALK TO BRITISH

[redacted] BUENOS AIRES NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS IN SPANISH 1817 GMT 14 JUN 82

(TEXT) BUENOS AIRES, 14 JUN (NA) -- MILITARY SOURCES REPORTED HERE THIS AFTERNOON THAT THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT HAD AUTHORIZED THE MALVINAS ISLANDS GOVERNOR, GEN MARIO BENJAMIN MENENDEZ, TO HOLD TALKS WITH THE COMMANDER OF THE BRITISH FORCES, GEN JEREMY MOORE.

THEY NOTED THAT THE AUTHORIZATION EMPOWERS GENERAL MENENDEZ TO HOLD TALKS WITH THE ENEMY COMMANDER "AS LONG AS THE HONOR OF HONOR OF THE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES IS NOT AFFECTED."

THE AUTHORIZATION WAS GIVEN IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION BY GENERAL MENENDEZ IN THE FACE OF MOORE'S PROPOSAL TO INITIATE TALKS.

(FBIS NOTE: PARIS AFP IN SPANISH AT 1825 GMT ON 14 JUNE REPORTS FROM BUENOS AIRES: "IT HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY LEARNED FROM ALL MEANS OF INFORMATION THAT ARGENTINA IS REPORTEDLY NEGOTIATING SURRENDERING TO GREAT BRITAIN IN THE MALVINAS.")

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